



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2169
Examiner: Ms. Greta Lee Robinson

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s)	:	Yoshifumi KOBAYASHI)	
Serial No.	:	10/579,821)	
Filed	:	May 17, 2006)	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
For	:	BATCH PROCESSING APPARATUS)	
Attorney Ref.	:	SATO 133NP)	
				March 16, 2010

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of September 18, 2009, the period for reply to which is being extended to expire on March 18, 2010 by a Petition filed concurrently herewith.

A fee of \$ 555 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.